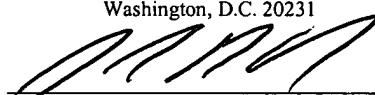




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Sir,

This letter is in response to Office Action dated 6/27/02. Please find attached to this letter a request for a three month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claim 26 as follows:

26. (amended) A freeze control system for a spa, wherein the spa is surrounded by ambient air having an ambient air temperature, said freeze control system comprising:

- a spa tub containing tub water having a tub water temperature,
- spa piping for circulating water to and from said spa tub,
- a heating element for producing heated water,
- at least one water pump for pumping the heated water,
- a first sensor for detecting said tub water temperature,
- a second sensor for detecting said ambient air temperature, and